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Kunihiko Miyazaki et al.

Application No.: 09/816,777

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
RECOVERING THE VALIDITY OF  
CRYPTOGRAPHICALLY SIGNED  
DIGITAL DATA

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Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, lines 10-12, please amend the paragraph as follows:

This is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/693,713, "Digital Signing Method," by Kunihiko Miyazaki et al., filed October 19, 2000, which claims priority from Japanese Application Nos. 11-201216, filed October 22, 1999, and 2000-081712, filed March 17, 2000, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.